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## Top 10 Midwestern public universities

1. Illinois State University (MO)
2. University of Northern Iowa
3. University of Wisconsin — La Crosse
4. Western University (KS)
5. University of Wisconsin — Eau Claire
6. University of Michigan — Dearborn
7. University of Wisconsin — Stevens Point
8. Eastern Illinois University
9. University of Minnesota — Duluth
10. Grand Valley State University (MI)

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## Eastern moves up in rankings

By CINDY TANNEY  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Eastern is one spot closer to the top of U.S. News & World Report's 2006 list of best Midwestern universities.

The university is ranked 37th of 142 Midwestern schools in the newsmagazine's annual feature, "America's Best Schools." Last year, Eastern was 38th in the same category. Eastern has been in the Midwest's overall top 40 for eight consecutive years.

Eastern also is listed as eighth among all Midwestern public universities with bachelor's and master's degree programs and the only Illinois public university in the top 15.

"It's a great way to start the school year," Eastern President Lou Hencken said. "It's a tribute to our students, faculty and staff."

Rankings are determined by U.S. News & World Report with consideration of financial resources, student selectivity, student-faculty ratios and alumni support.

"Our retention rate, our graduation rate

and our class size are factors," Jill Nilsen, vice president for external relations said.

Ninety-five percent of Eastern faculty are employed full time out of the student-faculty ratio which is 15-1. Additionally, 81 percent of Eastern students enter the job market in a field related to his or her major within six months of graduating, according to the report which was unveiled online at <http://www.usnews.com> Friday.

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## MOVIN' BACK

## Lou, Panther Pals help on move-in day

Volunteers directed traffic, unloaded cars and hauled luggage to rooms

By NICOLE MILSTEAD  
ALUMNIUS EDITOR

Cruising around campus in a golf cart, a tall man introduced himself to freshmen and helped them find their way. "Hi, I'm Lou," he said. "I work here."

Eastern President Lou Hencken was just one of 600 students, faculty and staff that volunteered their time Thursday for move-in day for on-campus housing.

The 2300 students who moved in Thursday were given extra help from student volunteers called Panther Pals.

More than 250 Panther Pals woke up as early as 5 a.m. Thursday to make sure fellow students were able to have a smooth transition moving back into the residence halls.

The volunteers directed traffic, loaded and unloaded cars and even hauled luggage up to rooms.

"Behind the scenes, a lot of hard work and time was put in," said head Panther Pal Kim Smith, a sophomore elementary education major. "We were very excited about the number of volunteers."

Panther Pals are coordinated through the Office of Orientation. They also worked a second shift with either move-ins on Friday morning or working at a welcome event on Saturday, said Kimberlie Moock, Director of Orientation.

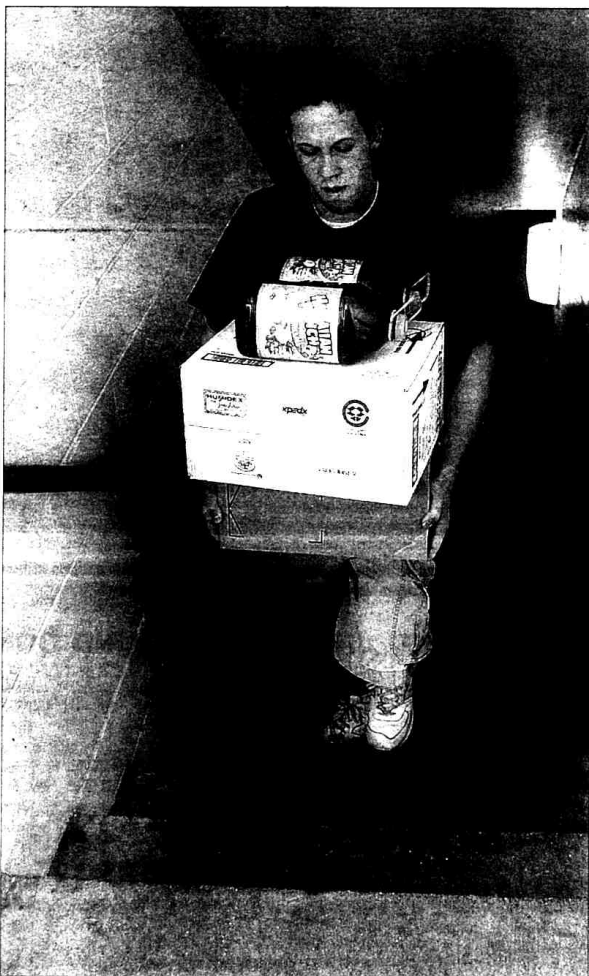
Planning for a single day of move-in starts a year in advance. This year's volunteer group was the biggest to date.

"We didn't think we would get the numbers this year, but we did," Moock said. "And everyone is tremendously grateful for them. The compliments we receive are a testament to Eastern's community of people."

Panther Pals were not the only ones working to make sure residents had a successful move. Housing staff and over 60 faculty members manned information booths, worked in the halls and drove guests around on golf carts to make sure that everyone was informed.

Many student leaders such as resident assistants, Residence Hall Association executives and residence hall council members cut their summers short and came back as early as August "to prepare the halls."

Information Technology Services also had network



DANIEL WILLIAMS THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

John Matthews, freshman business major, carries items up to his room in Carman Hall Thursday during move-in day.

assistants on hand in every hall to help students with computer problems and to explain the new Clean Access system. All of the network assistants will also be working through the weekend to make sure everyone is ready for class on Monday.

of Housing and Dining.

"As of Friday we had over 2000 students successfully on the network," Hudson said. "Those with older computers are having problem and we are working with them to get them ready for class on Monday."

## Berger tries to start new tradition

First Night an attempt to blend past with present

By NICOLE MILSTEAD  
ALUMNIUS EDITOR

When Student Body President Ryan Berger was elected last spring, his first goal was to find a new way to get students to feel Eastern's spirit.

Berger began researching traditions of Eastern's past for ideas.

"I researched what happened in the past that students did each year," Berger said. "Each class would compete to decorate Old Main with class-colored flowers as a sign of respect."

Every year the Eastern Administration was present and introduced, Berger said.

Berger along with his newly elected student government Executive Board searched to update the tradition. They created a new tradition called First Night.

First Night was expected to start at 11 p.m. the night before classes begin and involves many on campus organizations. The event was planned to start with the Eastern Marching Band splitting up into three campus locations. The band played a drum cadence and led students to the new Alumni Clock Tower. The Hall Resident Assistants have been asked to inform their residents about the event and have them outside and ready to go, said Kimberlie Moock, director of orientation.

Berger will welcome students, and the new student government will be introduced. President Hencken will introduce the Administration.

"It is important for students to get to see the administration and know their faces," said Mark Hudson, Director of housing and dining.

Registered student organizations have also been asked along with a student to call. The athletics department will call all student athletes.

FIRST NIGHT

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## FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

TODAY

**78**

54  
Mostly sunny

TUESDAY

**80**

55  
Sunny

WEDNESDAY

**82**

58  
Mostly Sunny

THURSDAY

**85**

65  
Mostly Sunny

FRIDAY

**87**

66  
Partly cloudy

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## TODAY'S EVENTS

Late registration begins today. Students registering as of today will have a \$25 late registration fee added to

their bill.

Registration is open for the annual Pantherpalooza registered student organization fest. Information can be

found in the Student Activity Center in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

The registration deadline is September 6.

## CAMPUS BRIEFS



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Allison Brady, a junior Spanish major, uses the new Panther Palooza sign to navigate while walking around campus Sunday afternoon. The signposts feature blue or gray paw prints depending on the path.

## SIGNS GIVE DIRECTION AROUND CONSTRUCTION

A maze of fences stands between students and arriving to class on time all over campus this semester.

To help direct students on how to get to academic buildings, the administration has put up signs all over campus.

The signs will direct students which route will take the quickest and are meant to help out incoming freshmen, said Jeff Groves, vice president for business affairs.

With the new signs, the administration hopes for less traffic around congested areas during the busy times of the day.

between the Residence Hall Association and the Student Leadership program.

### FACULTY SENATE MEETING SLATED TUESDAY

The Faculty Senate will meet at 2 p.m. Tuesday in Library Conference Room 440.

On the agenda will be committee assignments, assessment of the Electronic Writing Portfolio program and ideas for future agenda items.

### STUDENT SENATE NOT MEETING THIS WEEK

Student Senate will not meet this week.

The Student Senate will resume its regular meeting schedule next week. Senate will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the Arcola-Tuscola Room in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FALL MONTHS

The office of training and development is looking for State Employee Combined Appeal Ambassador volunteers for Oct. 3 - Nov. 11.

For more information, contact Julie Benedict at 581-8415, or csab1@csu.edu.

### FIVE-WEEK YOGA CLASS BEGINS NEXT MONDAY

A five-week yoga-meditation class begins Monday, August 29, in the Student Rec Center Dance Studio.

The class will meet Mondays from 6 to 7 p.m.

Faculty, staff and community members may reserve a spot by mailing or bringing a check to the SRC office in the amount of \$32, made payable to Institute of Applied Sciences and Computations. There is no charge to students.

## ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers what is the worst part about the first week of school.

- A) The moving in process.
- B) Stepping foot in the classroom again.
- C) Dealing with all the drunk people.
- D) Nothing, the first week of school is the easiest.

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## POLICE BLOTTER

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Rex Johns, auctioneer for Johns' Auction Service, points to the winning bidder of a bicycle at the city garage in Charleston Saturday morning. The city auctioned off impounded bikes, cars, as well as many strange items.

## Charleston auctions off old equipment

STAFF REPORT

The saying "one man's trash is another man's treasure" proved true at Charleston's annual city auction Saturday.

The money earned from selling items such as a fire truck and an old gymnastics balance beam will help replenish the city's general fund.

"The money helps pay back debts or goes towards newer purchases," Inyart said.

Charleston held the auction to sell miscellaneous items that were lying around.

"These units are of limited value to us because we

already replaced it with newer equipment," Mayor John Inyart said.

The fire truck was purchased in 1980 and since then newer equipment was purchased to accommodate the city.

Approximately 125 people attended the auction, said Quincy Combs, the city's superintendent of streets.

"It was a good turnout," Combs said. "Everything sold and everything brought a fair price."

A 1991 ambulance, a dump truck and an old traffic light were among the other items up for bidding.

At the time, Combs was unsure at how much money the city earned.

## Anti-virus software provided for students

University offers free program to help protect Eastern's network

By MEGAN JURINEK  
CAMPUS EDITOR

To prevent infecting its computer network, Eastern's Information Technology Services will be providing free anti-virus software.

The program, called Clean Access, was created to ensure Eastern's network

would not be infected by computers that students bring from home.

"We are trying to encourage everyone to be a good network citizen," said Jeff Cooley, vice president for Business Affairs. "This will be the first year that we will be able to isolate infected machines."

"There is a new virus going around right now," Cooley said. "We are trying to prevent infected computers (students bring from home) contaminating the network."

Students will not be able to access Eastern's network without running the software.

ITS is also providing a guide to help students pre-clean their computers before bringing them to campus.

The guide also tells students how to access free Norton Anti-Virus protection online at mypc.eiu.edu.

The Information Technology

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FOR BUSINESS AFFAIRS

desk is also offering the software on disks for students who live off campus.

If infected machines try to connect to the campus network, they will be denied.

"Students need to clean their machines before using the network," Cooley said.

When accessing the network from residence halls, students will be prompted by Clean Access to log in.

Students email identification and password information will be needed to run the program.

Computers will be scanned for current virus protection and must be erased before the new software can be put on.

If software is outdated, students will be directed to a site where Symantic Anti-Virus will be provided free through Eastern.

## Cause of Thomas Hall Internet, cable-TV disruption discovered

STAFF REPORT

Thomas Hall residents reported simultaneous Internet and cable-TV disconnection at 57 minutes past the hour, every hour, Saturday.

Although the malfunctions had not been reported to the Help Desk, Eastern Information Technology Services (ITS) officials learned of the occurrences through the

Student Panther Information Network.

ITS officials relieved the problem soon after discovering the source.

"The university's clock synchronization signal caused a malfunction in an un-intermittent power supply in one of the data closets which affected a couple floors in a dorm," said Mihir Chatterji, assistant vice president of ITS.

"The problem has been corrected," he said. "Other than that, we have had relatively few reports of problems."

"Most of the problems have been due to PC's not being 'clean' enough to be automatically allowed to join the campus network by the equipment that checks for viruses," Chatterji said.

ITS sent instruction sheets (labeled "PC101") to all uni-

versity housing students asking them to bring only disinfected PC's to EIU.

"We informed them that once they arrived, their PC's would be scanned automatically when they connected their computers," Chatterji said.

If found to be infected, or without the appropriate anti-virus software, students are given instructions and tools via

an on-screen message on how to get their PC's disinfected, he said.

The program has gone exceedingly well so far, particularly for those who followed the instructions carefully, he said, and other than some stubbornly infected PC's which will require manual intervention by a Windows technician, most University Housing incoming students

PC's have connected up to the university network, he said.

Chatterji compared this success to last year's problems that included a brand new network which hadn't had a chance to be tested and properly configured when students arrived with MyDoom and related viruses.

"We are in excellent shape this year, by comparison," Chatterji said.

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### COMMENTARY



**KYLE MAYHUGH**  
NEWS EDITOR

## I ACTUALLY DON'T NEED MY MTV

Eighty-seven percent of American households are hooked up to either satellite or cable television, according to the Consumer Electronics Association.

This summer, my wife and I became one of the 14.3 million that do not have any sort of television feed pumped into our house.

At first, this was a financial decision. We moved and simply could not justify the \$50 per month that the local cable company wanted.

Then, slowly, I began to realize I didn't miss it.

There has not been a single advertisement for a new television show on the radio, in the newspapers or by word-of-mouth that has made me wonder if I made the right choice. Once you stop watching TV, you usually discuss it by starting conversations with "Can you believe they thought this was a good idea?"

Without annoying celebrity news (on the news channels), annoying celebrity news (on the music channels) and just plain bad news (watching Cubs games), I found myself living a happier, more productive life.

A side effect has been in the checkbook. Without being inundated with advertisements for fast food, we cut out a lot less. Without seeing trailers for the latest bad Hollywood remake of an idea that wasn't that good when it was first done a few decades ago, I no longer feel the need to drop \$7.50 for a movie that I can get for \$1 in six months.

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Obviously, my choice isn't for everyone. But, with entertainment taking a spot in the pantheon of national institutions such as religion, education and government, it is nice to know that I am at least taking some sort of meaningful stand against the world where every decent-looking young white girl who goes missing is breaking national news.

Looking around, I see that I'm not the only one opting out. We may not all opt out of the same things, but all over the country people are retiring from the race to keep up with some of the "must-haves" of a consumer culture. These people are my heroes.

I love it when I see a person who drives a small car at the speed limit with smooth acceleration and deceleration, adding noticeable amounts to their gas mileage. Or better yet, who rides a bike to places around town.

My heroes include:

People who not only know that processed food is unhealthy and expensive, but actually follow up and don't eat it.

People who think an iPod isn't really \$200 better than a portable CD player if they can't really afford it.

People who cast informed, mixed-party ballots in local elections rather than showing up on Election Day because their political party got them whipped into a frenzy over the national election.

I'm sure there are plenty of others out there that I'm missing, but the point remains.

Being yourself doesn't always mean doing things you want to do; sometimes it means not doing things you don't need or want to.

Tradition dictates that it takes 30 days to break a bad habit. I would encourage everyone to give up something for thirty days. If the urge to do it goes away, you can assume retroactively that it must have been a bad habit.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY DAVID THILL



## A summer of improvements

Students should notice a difference. Every summer when everybody comes back after a three month break from Eastern's campus and the town of Charleston, improvements should be completed by the school and noticed by the students.

Large projects that are continuing to progress such as the renovation of Blair Hall and the Doudna Fine Arts Center have produced noticeable differences. In time, the designs and plans for those buildings will become more of a reality as construction advances.

But as those projects bring about campus issues such as problems with parking and convenience - fencing off large portions of the campus doesn't exactly provide easy access - it might be the lesser noticed changes that should add to the comfort level on campus.

One smaller project that was continued over the summer was the addition of sprinkler systems in campus buildings, in Carman Hall North. Taylor Hall North was renovated to join its twin building with new furniture and a fresh look. In some of the classrooms overhead projectors were added as another smaller campus project.

While these projects won't blow anyone away with visual differences, they are simplistic matters that aid situations that need to be improved.

Safety on campus became a huge issue after the Blair Hall fire, and the fact that Eastern didn't have sprinkler systems in some of

### At issue

Much of the work to improve Eastern's campus is accomplished over the summer.

### Our stance

Even though larger construction projects have bogged down Eastern's campus, as of right now, the importance of those projects and the completion of smaller ones will improve the campus for students even though they might not notice it right away.

its buildings was something that was addressed right away by President Lou Hencken and the administrative staff.

Their plan for sprinkler systems is still being completed and the addition of sprinklers in Carman Hall North proves that the matter is being handled properly, but is a little time consuming.

As Eastern continues to try and find ways to beautify the campus, it is also nice to see work being done on the inside of some of the dorm rooms.

Renovations in dorm rooms have been progressing over the passed couple of years, and the Taylor Hall complex was finished this summer when the north building joined the previously renovated south hall with such things as new furniture, desks and beds.

The little things like these are often times overlooked by students and others on campus, who have their attention drawn more to problems with transportation on campus and two major buildings currently being inactive.

Problems will still be around for people on campus, but those problems aren't due to those who are running the campus having a lack of desire to make Eastern the best place possible for their students.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The staff at *The Daily Eastern News* wants to know what students think about current events, campus issues, college living and anything else students would like to address.

### COLUMNISTS NEEDED

Have an opinion? We want to hear

it! *The Daily Eastern News* is looking for students interested in voicing opinions on campus, state, national and international issues through columns. *The DEN* reserves the Wednesday guest column spot for students, faculty and members of the community. Guest columns should be a minimum of 550 words.

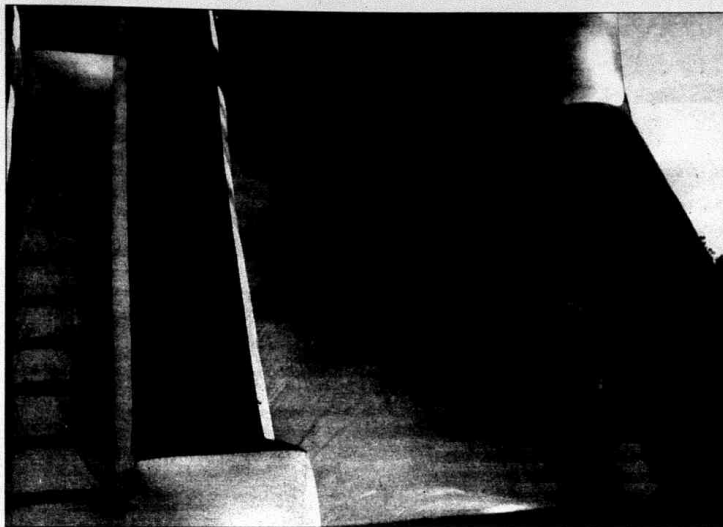
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Vanessa Solo, left, a junior nursing major, Katie Ornerich, a junior elementary education major, and Kelly Altmyer, a junior education major, hold on as they take a plunge down a slide at Quake in The Quad on Saturday evening.

## Eastern 'quakes' western in the Quad

BY STACY SMITH  
REVIEWER

Whoever thought there would be four kegs in the quad Saturday night? However, the kegs were filled with root beer.

University Board kicked off the year with Quakin' in the Quad; Eastern Goes Western from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. About 30 volunteers from Greek inter-fraternal council and pan-hellenic council, Panther Pals, Black Student Union and Student Government were asked to come out and support the event.

Jeffrey Collier, senior political science major, said it is beneficial to volunteer because "it shows character of the organization, you support them and in return they support you."

The event offered a juggler, DJ, inflatable games, bull riding, cow milking, bean bags, bingo and gold

digging. Giveaways included cowboy hats, key chains, cowbells, bandanas, mugs, cups and pencils. Prizes ranged from a home theater system to Capri Suns and were raffled off to bingo winners. Along with Papa John's, Dominos and Pizza Hut, there was hotdogs, brats, chips, snow cones and pop.

Titus Wells, a freshman business major, said the set-up was perfect. "There are not too long of lines and they are moving at a steady pace," Wells said.

Ceci Brinker, Director of Student Life, said "About \$7,000-\$8,000 was spent on games, advertisement, prizes, overtime costs and food."

Chris Stanfield, senior communication major and president of University Board, said Quakin' in the Quad helps improve Eastern's relations with the town. "It gives students a sense of community," said Stanfield.

Registered Student Organizations had tables set up so students can join and find out more information about groups.

The event averages about 2,000 people coming each year.

Lindsey Herza, a junior psychology major, said the event is a good place to meet people.

"It makes the adjustment easier," said Herza.

Lauren Johnson, a freshman marketing major, said Quakin' in the Quad is a good way to advocate organizations. However, Johnson said it should have been advertised more and Resident Assistants should have encouraged people to go.

Carson Christel, a freshman business major, agrees there should have been more publicity. "The only reason I found out (about the event) was because I walked by and saw a bunch of blow-up stuff."

## SGA President under pressure to meet campaign promises

BY SARAH WHITNEY  
STUDENT GOVERNMENT EDITOR

Student Body President Ryan Berger enters this new year feeling the pressure of meeting the promises made during last year's campaign.

Last spring, Berger's Student Interaction Party swept the Student Senate executive positions and won most of the senate seats. They promised to get out more in the Eastern community, to include the community in campus events and to inform the students about how their fees are being used.

"I feel a lot of pressure, but only because I'm here because people had faith in me," Berger said. "I'm also being held liable because my tuition is paid for out of student money, so I'm being held responsible for my actions and for what I said I was going to do and what I'm actually going to complete."

Last year, Berger also campaigned to create more traditions that would promote school spirit and unity throughout the campus.

After talking to students, Student Government and other registered student organizations developed First Night, an event geared to promote school spirit among students the night before classes start.

This is really exciting, Berger said, because it's actually happening through First Night.

"That's something that I wanted to do with my office right away," he said. "While campaigning, I asked students if they knew what the Eastern alma mater was and if they knew the fight song."

"I discovered that they didn't, and that made me feel good because I knew I wasn't the only one who didn't."

The work involved with keeping his election promises does not stress



RYAN BERGER  
STUDENT BODY  
PRESIDENT

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him out, Berger said, because he has the other executive members to help him.

"We work together on things that might become stressful like having 500 shirts in your office and needing to fold them," he said, gesturing towards the more than five boxes of unfolded First Night shirts stacked in his office.

Keila Lacy, student government vice president for student affairs, said Berger's determination will keep the pressures of following up from being a major problem.

"When Ryan has his mind set on something, he steps at nothing to obtain his goal," she said.

Student Senate is not the only area of Berger's life where he shows dedication.

"I will listen to the same CD for a month," he said. "I get hooked on a CD and that's how it's going to be."

This August, Gwen Stefani's CD, Holler Back, has captivated the president's musical taste.

But for Berger, who started in Student Government as a freshman, the overwhelming success of his party makes being student body president more than just a title.

"I almost feel that there is more of a spirit thing behind it now because of the expectations of the position," he said. "There's a sense that people are beginning to actually understand the issues of student government and what it means."

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LINDSAY DIBARTOLO, FORMER RHA PRESIDENT

Jeff Flaxman, national communications coordinator, Illinois

SCHEPIS said, "I don't think people will be intimidated by me."

### The ultimate goal and role of RHA

"I really want to see each of the councils strengthened because the stronger each council is, the better the residence halls will be and the better RHA will be," she said.

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# FIRST NIGHT:

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ected last spring, his first goal was to find a new way to get students to feel Eastern's spirit.

Berger began researching traditions of Eastern's past for ideas.

"I researched what happened in the past that students did each year," Berger Said. "Each class would compete to decorate Old Main with class-colored flowers as a sign of respect."

In the past, students would decorate Old Main with flowers in their class colors. Every year the Eastern Administration was present and introduced, Berger said.

Berger along with his newly elected student government Executive board searched to update the tradition. They created a new tradition called First Night.

First Night was expected to start at 11 p.m. the night before classes begin and involves many on campus organizations. The event was planned to start with the Eastern Marching Band splitting up into three campus locations. The band played a drum cadence and led students to the new Alumni Clock Tower. The Hall Resident Assistants have been asked to inform their residents about the event and have them outside and ready to go, said Kimberly Mosick, director of orientation.

Berger will welcome students and the new student government introduced. President Hencken will introduce the Administration.

"It is important for students to get to see the administration and know their faces," said Mark Hudson, Director of housing and dining.

Registered student organizations have also been asked along with a student roll call. The athletics department will call all student Athletic teams, the Residence Hall Association will be leading all on student residence Halls, and Greek Court will be doing roll for all of the Fraternities and Sororities.

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# Amtrak provides Illinois college students with rides

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**NORMAL** — For thousands of Illinois college students, a short ride to home cooking and free washers and dryers is just blocks away aboard Amtrak trains that rumble past nearly a dozen campuses across the state.

Students accounted for as much as an estimated 30 percent of the 3 million passengers who rode Illinois lines last year, many heading home from downstate colleges where up to half of students call the Chicago area home, said David Johnson, assistant director of the National Association of Railroad Passengers.

The Bush administration has proposed yanking federal operating subsidies for the beleaguered passenger rail system that links Chicago with campuses from Champaign to Carbondale, a move critics contend could doom the service.

Illinois political leaders predict Congress will derail the latest threat to Amtrak, which has routinely come under siege for draining nearly \$30 billion in federal funds since it was established as a for-profit entity in 1970.

## NEW STATE LAW GIVES ACTIVE-DUTY SOLDIERS A BREAK

**SPRINGFIELD** — A newly signed state law allows soldiers to claim a duty to avoid fees for terminating their cellular phone contracts or car leases early.

The law also protects soldiers and their

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immediate families from interest rate increases by creditors and prevents companies from canceling insurance policies due to nonpayment while military service personnel are deployed.

Public utilities will not be able to turn off a service member's gas or electricity, and the utilities must arrange ways for active-duty personnel to pay their bills when they return from deployment.

"The last thing (soldiers) should have to worry about is having to pay extra fees for canceling their cellular phone contracts because they have been sent to Iraq or Afghanistan," Gov. Rod Blagojevich said in a statement.

Blagojevich signed the legislation Sunday. It takes effect immediately.

## BLAGOJEVICH COLLECTING MORE FROM CONTRACTORS

**SPRINGFIELD** — Engineering consultants doing hundreds of millions of dollars of work on the Illinois Tollway have been frequent donors to Gov. Rod Blagojevich this year, often contributing to his campaign within days or weeks of getting no-bid contracts, according to an Associated Press analysis of state records.

The analysis shows the Democratic governor collected \$237,000 from the tollway consultants during the first half of the year - nearly as much as he got from the firms in all of 2003 and 2004.

Blagojevich's campaign says many of the contracts coincidentally were awarded around the time the governor was holding a major fundraising event. And both campaign spokesman Pete Giangreco and the consultants say there's no connection between the contracts and the donations, which contractors say show their support of Blagojevich's tollway reconstruction plan.

## TWO DEAD, SIX INJURED AFTER CAR LEAVES RACEWAY TRACK

**MOUNT VERNON** — A race car that left the track at the Mount Vernon Raceway and flew into the stands killed a young man and his girlfriend's father, relatives said Sunday.

Five other spectators and the driver of the race car were injured in the accident.

The dead were identified as Donald Roznowski, 51, and Jeff Conner, 18, both of Du Quoin.

It was not immediately clear why the car jumped the track during a qualification run around 5:50 p.m., according to Illinois State Police. It was the only vehicle on the track at the time.

The driver, Kevin Beattie, 38, of Benton, received minor injuries.

# Qualified teachers on the way, or are they?

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

**WASHINGTON** — By the end of the school year, every teacher of every major subject in every school will be highly qualified. That's the government's promise, anyway.

The reality will be far less rosy, say experts who have analyzed how states are responding to President Bush's education law and its unprecedented review of teacher quality.

As the centerpiece of his domestic agenda, the No Child Left Behind Act aims to dra-

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matically improve learning by ensuring that all students have highly qualified teachers.

## SUNNIS APPEAL TO THE U.S.

**BAGHDAD, Iraq** — A day before the deadline for the new constitution, Sunni Arabs appealed Sunday to the United States

to prevent Shiites and Kurds from pushing a draft through parliament without their consent, warning it would only worsen the crisis in Iraq.

Leaders of the Sunni Arab, Shiite and Kurdish factions planned final talks on Monday morning according to officials of all three groups. "I am not optimistic," said Kamal Hamdoun, a negotiator for the influential Sunni minority. "We either reach unanimity or not."

The initial Aug. 15 deadline was pushed to Monday after no agreement was reached.

# RANKINGS:

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**"It's a great way to start the school year. It's a tribute to our students, faculty and staff."**

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"It shows that the university is still offering a quality product for our students despite funding cuts," said Vicki Woodward, coordinator of public information.

Approximately 35 percent of classes taught at Eastern carry enrollment of 20 or fewer students and 4 percent of classes include 50 or more students.

Forty-four percent of undergraduates live in college-owned, operated or affiliated housing, according to the report.

"Our recognition by U.S. News & World Report is based on the excellent education which our students receive and our quality faculty," Nilsen said.

The issue featuring the list and national guide on colleges will be released Aug. 29.

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Junior cornerback Ben Brown returns one of his interceptions for a touchdown in Saturday's scrimmage. Brown, a preseason all-American, had five interceptions and broke up 16 passes during the 2004 season.

## SCRIMMAGE:

with multiple interceptions. Brown's first interception resulted in a score for the defense, as he ran 65 yards down the sideline for the touchdown.

Ros Bellantoni, defensive coordinator and linebackers coach, praised Brown's effort but wasn't surprised by it.

"Ben has had a great camp — he's had about six or eight interceptions in camp," Bellantoni said.

Bellantoni's defense, playing without senior defensive ends Kory Lothe and Travis Wanzeck and senior defensive tackle Will Bihun, still forced three turnovers and pressured Panther quarterbacks.

Despite the impressive performances, Bellantoni said a scrimmage doesn't completely replicate game situations.

"It's closer to game speed than practice, but not much," he said. "The only difference is there aren't coaches on the field to help guys."

By keeping three starting defensive linemen out of the scrimmage, Bellantoni was able to give younger players a lot of field time.

"We gave those guys a lot more reps," he said. "This will be the third scrimmage, so

after we watch the tape, hopefully we'll come out of it with a solid two-deep (depth chart)."

Eastern opens the schedule Thursday Sept. 1 at Indiana State, and Saturday's scrimmage will give the coaching staff time to review film before finalizing the traveling roster and depth chart, Bellantoni said.

The scrimmage also produced concern over the Panthers' special-teams play, as two punts were blocked. During the 2004 season, opponents were able to block five Eastern punts.

Spoo said the coaching staff would have to look at film to establish if the blocks were caused by a particular breakdown, or if the blocks were just a product of good pressure from the punt return team.

"I'm a little disappointed that we had two blocks, so we really need to assess that and see where the breakdown was," he said. "That's never acceptable."

But on the whole, Spoo said, he left the field with good feelings about the team's progress.

"Like it's been all through camp, there's been great effort," Spoo said. "There were a lot of good things — the limit of penalties was a good sign, and we were pretty crisp, I thought, as far as our alignments and things. 'We're on the right track.'"

## 49ers await word on cause of lineman's death

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — As he walked off the field on a relatively cool Colorado evening, Thomas Herron was huffing and puffing. Still, he didn't look much different from his 49ers teammates who played alongside him during the fast-moving final seconds.

A few minutes later, the San Francisco offensive lineman collapsed on the field. He was rushed to the hospital, but he never woke up. He died at age 29.

Herron's death has shaken the football community, and the 49ers, who are scheduled to start their season Sunday, are waiting for word on the cause of his death.

The 49ers returned to San Francisco on Sunday still in shock, and coach Mike Nolan was deciding what to do next with the start of the regular season three weeks away.

"We lost a teammate and a very good friend as well," Nolan said.

The death came a little more than

four years after offensive lineman Korev Stringer of the Minnesota Vikings died of heatstroke following a practice in steamy 90-degree weather.

It was in the mid-60s with 50 percent humidity in Denver on Saturday night, and while heatstroke is still possible under such mild conditions, the notion that Herron or any football player is in good enough shape to handle game conditions simply because he's a professional athlete is being questioned again.

"The NFL is going to do a study on this," said a source familiar with the league's plans. "They're going to look at the health of the players and the conditions of the game."

The NFL's investigation into the death of Stringer, which was announced in a letter to the media, is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Though athletes can't necessarily be blamed for the death, one expert says a sure sign could have been a contributor.

"Obesity is associated with sudden death," said Dr. Joyce Harp, a University of North Carolina endocrinologist who recently did a study calculating the BMIs of all NFL players and found that almost all players qualified as overweight or obese.

MLB

## White Sox stop skid at seven games

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — Randy Johnson sat by his locker and shook his head as he searched for reasons, an effort that was futile.

A dazed and frustrated Johnson allowed home runs to three consecutive batters for the first time in his major league career and four in all during the fourth inning, and the Chicago White Sox beat the New York Yankees 6-2 Sunday to stop a seven-game losing streak.

"I felt great," said Johnson, who allowed the homers in a 16-pitch span. "The velocity was there."

But afterward, he felt miserable.

Given a 1-0 lead, Johnson allowed consecutive solo homers to Tadahito Iguchi, Aaron Rowand and Paul Konerko with one out in the fourth and after singles by Jermaine Dye and Juan Uribe, a three-run shot to Chris Wiggler.

Johnson (11-8) has allowed 29 homers, the most in the American League and second in the major leagues behind Cincinnati's Eric Milton (35). The most Johnson has allowed in a season was 30 with Arizona in 1999.

The Big Unit, who missed a start earlier this month because of a bad back, allowed 10 hits, struck out eight

and walked none in his fourth complete game this season. His ERA rose to 4.34, but both Johnson and manager Joe Torre said he pitched well.

"His stuff was good," Torre said. "He's going to win games pitching like that."

It was just the second time in his career Johnson allowed four home runs in a start, according to the Elias Sports Bureau. The other was on June 20, 1999, for Arizona against Atlanta.

Chicago tied a franchise record by hitting four in an inning for the third time, the first since May 3, 2000, against Toronto.

"The energy was good today early," Konerko said. "I knew we'd be in the game. I hope guys realize that we can't wait for good things to happen and then have energy. You've got to come with it first, and then good things follow."

Former-Yankee Jose Contreras (8-7) allowed two runs — one earned — and 11 hits, and matched his career-high by pitching eight innings. He struck out five and walked none.

### ROCKIES 9, CUBS 7

DENVER — The Colorado Rockies and Chicago Cubs played a classic Coors Field game.

Man Holliday and Dustin Mohr hit

two-run homers, leading the Rockies over the Cubs 9-7 on Sunday in a game that featured eight home runs.

Each team hit four homers, but the Cubs didn't enjoy theirs nearly as much.

"I'd managed here too many games before and again it was too painful to watch," Chicago manager Dusty Baker said. "You make mistakes and the ball flies out of here."

Garrett Atkins had three hits, including a solo homer, for the Rockies added a three-run drive in the eighth as Colorado took two of three in the series.

Sunny Kim (2-2) threw two scoreless innings to earn his first win for Colorado.

Greg Maddux (10-10) allowed six runs and eight hits — including three homers — in six innings and failed to get his 316th win. He lost for the first time in six career decisions at Coors Field.

"They got me big time," said Maddux, who had won his previous two starts. "You've got to keep the ball down here or you pay for it — and I did."

Derek Lee and Aramis Ramirez hit back-to-back homers in the ninth for Chicago. Neftali Perez and Jeremy Bonamit added two-run shots off Colorado closer Brian Fuentes.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Panthers look to fill gaps created from graduating seniors

By MARCO SANTANA  
STAFF WRITER

The Panthers volleyball team will be making adjustments both on the court and on the sidelines as they try to defend their Ohio Valley Conference championship.

On the sidelines, head coach Lori Bennett will be taking over for the departed Brenda Winkler, who left in June to coach Southern Illinois. On the court, Shanna Ruxer and OVC player of the year Erica Gerth graduated and left a big hole for the Panthers to replace.

"I don't know if it is replaceable," said Bennett of Gerth's numbers. "She was a very talented student athlete who has left big shoes to fill. I think we have to be a little more balanced and play at a higher level to alleviate the stress of losing her."

"Rather than always attacking from the left or the middle, everyone

will be asked to contribute more."

Gerth re-wrote the record books in her four years at Eastern. She led the team in digs and kills during the 2004 season and holds the school's career record in both categories.

Ruxer led the team in hitting percentage and total blocks. She also holds the school record for career hitting percentage.

"Those are very hard shoes to fill," said senior middle hitter Megan Kennedy. "But we are not looking for any one player to do that. As a team, we have to step up to fill the void."

Kennedy will have to play a big part in that. She and sophomore setter Maren Crabtree were named to the OVC's preseason all-conference team. Kennedy's numbers have improved every season. She posted career highs in most of the major statistical categories in 2004. Her .322 hitting percentage was the fifth highest ever.

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MEGAN KENNEDY, SENIOR MIDDLE HITTER

best seasons by a freshman in school history. She broke a freshman record for digs (375) and the single season record for assists (1544) en route to being named Collegiate Volleyball Update's National Freshman of the Year.

For the Panthers to succeed in 2005, Crabtree will have to post similar numbers.

Junior outside hitter Mary Welch and senior libero Heather Redenbo are also going to be looked upon to take leadership positions with Redenbo running the defense from her position.

Bennett is taking over and will be coaching a Division-I program for the first time in her career.

After spending seven seasons and

posting a .644 career winning percentage at Lakeland College in Mattoon, she knows that this will be an adjustment.

She is taking a wait-and-see approach as she transitions to the D-I game.

"I don't have a measuring tool that lets me know where we need to be right now. I do know that there is a higher caliber of athlete at this level," she said. "It has been a great transition so far and my job is to get them ready for any potential game situation they may face."

The 2004 season, in which the Panthers went 25-6 and 15-1 in OVC, has not gone unnoticed.

The coaches of the OVC have

placed them third in the preseason poll behind defending co-champion Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State.

"We want to win the conference and advance to the NCAA tournament," said Crabtree. "All of the preseason stuff doesn't matter."

The season begins for the Panthers on Saturday as they host the Pepsi Challenge at Lantz Arena.

The Bradley Braves and the Atlantic-10 defending champion Dayton Flyers will be in town to participate. Bradley and Dayton kick it off with a match at 10 a.m. followed by Eastern's debut at 2 p.m. against Dayton and the nightcap against Bradley at 7 p.m.

## WORLD GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## Woods wins despite shaky putting at NEC Invitational

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

KRON, Ohio — Tiger Woods overcame some shaky putting Sunday by making the one that mattered.

Woods rolled in an 18-foot birdie putt that broke sharply into the right side of the cup, then escaped with par from the trees on the 18th hole for a 1-under 71 in the NEC Invitational.

Woods made it seven consecutive years with at least one World Golf Championship title since the series began in 1999, and he has won nine of the 18 events he has played.

Despite his dominance at Firestone — four victories in six years — this one required the most work.

Woods missed five putts inside 8 feet and trailed Kenny Perry by two shots when

they made the turn. Even the birdie putt that finally gave him the lead required an approach from 189 yards over the water. It wasn't over until he pitched through the trees and onto the 18th green for a two-putt par from 20 feet.

"Let's just say I've had better days," Woods said with a smile when asked about his putting.

He finished at 6-under 274.

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However, Donato will have a solid core of players around him as he adjusts to the speed of the game.

Four out of his five linemen will have at least one year of starting experience.

His tailback, Vincent Webb, rushed for more than 1,000 yards last season.

And his all-OVC wide

receiver Ryan Voss was second in the conference with 784 receiving yards.

So with the players around him, Donato is in a good position to prove his ability and surprise the OVC.

And if he does, the whole team might surprise some people too.

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# SPORTS

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FRIDAY	WOMEN'S SOCCER AT NORTH TEXAS	8 p.m.
SATURDAY	VOLLEYBALL VS. DAYTON	2 p.m.
	VOLLEYBALL VS. BRADLEY	7 p.m.
SUNDAY	WOMEN'S SOCCER AT UTEP	1 p.m.

Eastern Illinois University, Charleston



**TWO-POINT CONVERSION**  
DAN RENICK  
SPORTS EDITOR

## OVC poll shafts Panthers

Despite what last season's 5-6 record indicated, the Eastern football team could have just as easily been an 8-3 or even a 9-2 — enough to win the conference.

The Panthers had three games where they lost by less than a touchdown, two overtime losses and a loss to Jacksonville State where a late Eastern turnover halted any chances of a game-winning drive. The turnover also allowed the Gamecocks to put up a late touchdown to put the score out of reach.

With 17 starters returning from last year's team, not to mention five all-conference selections, it seems that the Panthers were fourth on the rise. Eastern finished fourth (4-4) in the Ohio Valley Conference last season, and that's where they are expected to end up again, at least by the OVC coaches and athletic departments.

The Panthers led the conference in preseason all-conference selections with six and have two preseason all-Americans in senior lineman Pascal Matla and junior cornerback Ben Brown.

Jacksonville State is picked to win the conference after winning the OVC crown the past two seasons — their first two in the OVC.

Eastern Kentucky and Murray State are tabbed as No. 2 and 3 in the conference, the same places they finished last season.

The preseason polls pretty much look exactly the same as last year's final standings, with the top six teams in the same position. The only difference is Southeast Missouri and Tennessee State flipping at the seven and eight spot.

Basically the writers, coaches and administrators who vote copied and pasted last season's standings onto their preseason ballots.

The Panthers have a boatload of experience, and perhaps, the reason they didn't get a higher ranking is that they lack experience in the most important position — quarterback.

Sophomore Mike Donato has taken only three snaps during games in his time at Eastern, and it seems this year, as Donato goes, so go the Panthers.

## WOMEN'S SOCCER

# Lakeside Queen returns to throne

## 2003 Ohio Valley Conference Player of the Year Beth Liesen returns to EIU as assistant coach

BY MATT DANIELS  
STAFF WRITER

Beth Liesen is back in Charleston. This time around, she is trying her hand at coaching instead of playing.

The all-time leading goal scorer in school and conference history is making a nice switch from player to the bench.

"It has been a smooth process so far," senior defender Lee Ann Langsfeld said.

Liesen agrees.

"It hasn't been that difficult of a transition for me," she said.

After graduating from Eastern in 2003, Liesen spent the past year student teaching in New Zealand.

"I taught second grade down there and (the lifestyle) was a pretty drastic difference," said Liesen.

Spending a year away from soccer made Liesen realize how much it means to her.

"I missed it a lot while in New Zealand," she said.

After head coach Steve Ballard left last January to start the women's soccer program at the University of Texas at San Antonio, Liesen filled the void by helping run practice sessions in the spring.

After current head coach Tim Nowak was hired in March, the search was on for his assistant.

"We conducted a national search

and (Liesen) won it fair and square," Nowak said.

Liesen, hired this past June, hopes coaching turns into a future, a way to stay connected to the game she loves.

"Since my playing days are over, coaching is a perfect way for me to stay involved," Liesen said.

Several of the seniors on the team this year, including Langsfeld, defender Lindsey Holcomb, and midfielder Kim Garkie have played with Liesen in the past and couldn't be happier that she stuck around the program.

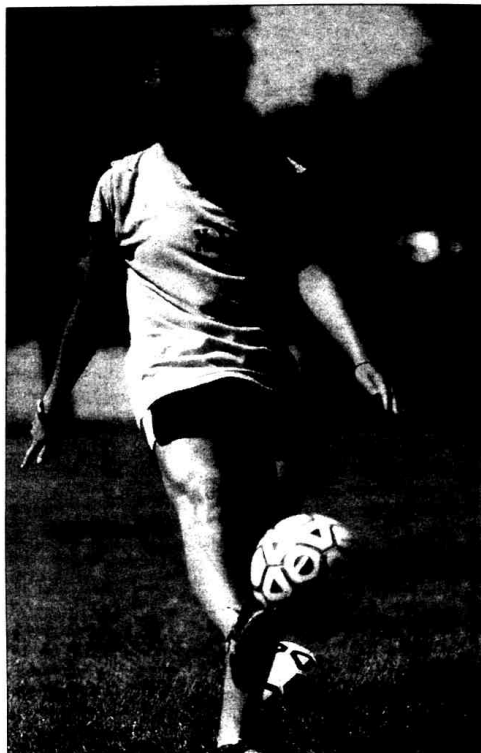
"She's been a positive influence," Holcomb said. "She knows and understands where we're coming from."

Even players who were not here during Liesen's playing days are glad she is around.

"It's really nice to have (Liesen) around," said sophomore forward Michelle Steinhaus, the 2004 OVC Freshman of the Year. "She pulls all of us together."

Four straight trips to the NCAA College Cup, all ending in first-round losses, is something that Liesen and the team will not be satisfied with this year — especially since Liesen ended her collegiate career in tears after losing to Missouri in the 2003 NCAA College Cup.

"Our goal is to win and advance in the tournament," said Liesen.

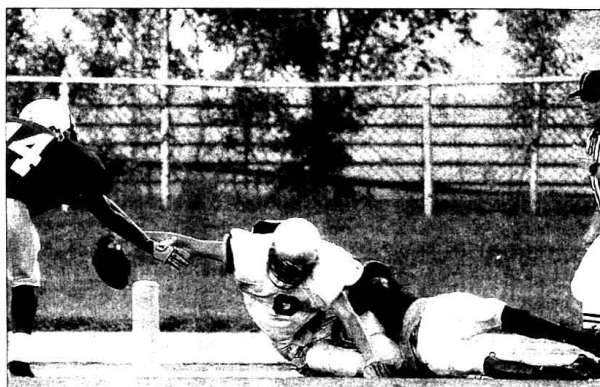


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Women's assistant soccer coach Beth Liesen kicks a ball to her players during a Sunday morning practice. The 2003 Eastern graduate returned this season to coach the same team she, as a player, led to the NCAA College Cup during her senior season.

## FOOTBALL

# Panthers' scrimmage prepares team for opener



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Junior wide receiver Ryan Voss stretches into the endzone after catching a pass from sophomore quarterback Mike Donato during Saturday's scrimmage at O'Brien stadium. Voss was one of six Panthers selected to the preseason all-Ohio Valley Conference team.

BY DAN WORE  
SPORTS REPORTER

The Panther football team worked out under the lights at O'Brien Stadium Saturday night, scrimmaging with a few distinct goals in mind.

Panther head coach Bob Spoo said the scrimmage gave his No. 1 quarterback, sophomore Mike Donato, a chance to lead the offense in more of a game-like setting.

"He's only played three downs for us," Spoo said. "The more we can get him back there with people in his face, the better he'll be and the better we'll be."

Donato connected with preseason all-Ohio Valley Conference wide receiver Ryan Voss on a 40-yard touchdown strike during the starting offensive unit's second possession.

Spoo said the scrimmage showed a few areas that need improvement, noting the offense's failure to score in 4 and 2-minute drill situations.

On the other side of the ball, preseason all-OVC junior cornerback Ben Brown continued an impressive fall